

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 726 - SB 737

February 15, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that it is an unfair or deceptive practice affecting the conduct of any trade or commerce to advertise the provision of a motor vehicle warranty in a manner that is likely to cause the owner of the motor vehicle to believe that the offer originated from the motor vehicle manufacturer or from the motor vehicle dealer which sold the vehicle to the owner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any increase in the number of complaints handled by the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Division of Consumer Affairs, is estimated to be not significant and can be handled by existing staff during normal work hours.
- Committing an unfair or deceptive practice under the *Consumer Protection Act of 1977* is a Class B misdemeanor offense.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- This bill may result in reducing the market exposure of companies which advertise the offering of motor vehicle warranties in a manner which this bill addresses as deceptive; however, any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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